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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT
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Box III Observation where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows :

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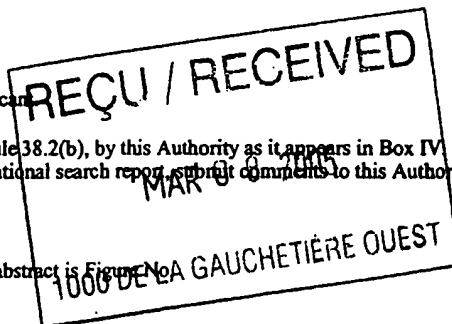
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☒ a sequence listing

☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

☒ in written format

☒ in computer readable form

c. time of filing/furnishing

☒ contained in the international application as filed

☒ filed together with the international application in computer readable form

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search

2. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

3. Additional comments:

SEQ ID NO:1 of the sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Annex C and Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions. The use of "Xaa" may define more than one amino acid in a single position, but rather than using "Xaa" the applicant should positively define all amino acids and specify each "variant" as having one or more substitutions at a designated position. Further, the substitution of "Xaa" must not alter the length of said sequence. Such is not the case with the substitution at position 30, where "Xaa" is an amino acid sequence of 1 up to 15 residues or is a bond.

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Box IV

Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of first sheet)

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